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EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

Note verbale dated 19 September 2000 from the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic containing the standing invitation of the Czech Republic extended to all thematic special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights. The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic would like to ask the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to issue this letter* as an official document of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights, under the item "Effective functioning of human rights mechanisms".

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Annex

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

JAN KAVAN

Prague, 11 September 2000
Ref. No. 126687/2000-LP

Your Excellency,

the Czech Republic recognizes the importance of the universal respect for human rights. It supports the need to raise the level of promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide. Consequently, the Czech Republic agrees that the thematic special procedures of the UN Commission on Human Rights is another important mechanism to improve such control by non-conventional means.

For all above mentioned reasons, the Czech Republic wishes to further extend its cooperation within these mechanisms of the Commission by an open invitation.

A Standing Invitation is therefore hereby extended to all thematic special procedures of the UN Commission on Human Rights to pay a visit to the Czech Republic at any time.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Jan Kavan

Her Excellency
Ms Mary Robinson
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva